

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
KNOXVILLE DIVISION**

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STATE OF TENNESSEE <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. 3:24-cv-00224
	)	Judge Charles E. Atchley, Jr.
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT	)	Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin
OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

The Plaintiff States and Defendants respectfully submit this Joint Status Report pursuant to this Court’s July 8, 2024 Order, which directed the parties to submit a jointly proposed schedule for further proceedings within 14 days of the Court’s ruling on Plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction.<sup>1</sup> ECF No. 79. On January 23, 2025, this Court denied Plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction without prejudice, ordered the Plaintiff States to refile their motion within 21 days if they still desired injunctive relief, and ordered the parties “to confer regarding the Executive Order’s effect on this litigation in advance of any renewed motion being filed.” ECF No. 89 at 2.

The parties have conferred. The Plaintiff States no longer seek preliminary injunctive relief, but the parties have been unable to agree on a resolution of this matter at this time without judicial intervention. The parties intend to resolve their remaining disputes on cross-motions for summary judgment. The parties, therefore, (1) jointly move this Court to stay Defendants’ deadline to answer

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), the official capacity Defendants who no longer hold office have been automatically substituted by their successors.

or otherwise respond to the Complaint until further order of the Court, and (2) jointly propose the following briefing schedule for the parties' planned cross-motions for summary judgment:

Proposed Deadline	Filing
<b>March 14, 2025</b>	Plaintiff States' motion for summary judgment
<b>May 2, 2025</b>	Defendants' combined cross-motion for summary judgment and response to Plaintiff States' motion for summary judgment
<b>May 16, 2025</b>	Plaintiff States' combined reply in support of their motion for summary judgment and in response to Defendants' cross-motion for summary judgment
<b>June 2, 2025</b>	Defendants' reply in support of their cross motion for summary judgment

The parties respectfully request that the Court issue an order granting entry of this proposed briefing schedule.

Dated: February 6, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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